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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. SHAH'S NEW ZEALAND VISIT BEING PLAYED LOW KEY BY GNZ. MFA INDICATES ONLY MAJOR ITEMS LIKELY TO RESULT FROM VISIT WILL BE SIGNING OF TRADE AGREEMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENT THAT GNZ WILL OPEN EMBASSY IN TEHRAN. END SUMMARY.

2. SHAH ARRIVES CHRISTCHURCH LATER TODAY FOR TWO DAYS OF SIGHTSEEING AND SKIING BEFORE COMING TO WELLINGTON FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH GNZ OFFICIALS. MFA ECONOMIC DIVISION HEAD GERALD HENSLEY HAS INFORMED EMBOFF GNZ EXPECTS NOTHING DRAMATIC TO COME OUT OF VISIT. FROM NEW ZEALAND SIDE VISIT, WHICH WAS INITIATED BY GOI, IS SEEN AS EXPLORATORY, GET ACQUAINTED EXERCISE. GNZ IS IN PROCESS OF EXPANDING ITS RELATIONS IN MIDDLE EAST AND SHAH'S VISIT WILL BE BUILDING BLOCK IN THIS EFFORT.

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3. SHAH AND PRIME MINISTER ROWLING LIKELY TO SIGN A

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TRADE AGREEMENT WHICH WILL BE AIMED AT REGULARIZING TRADING RELATIONSHIP. GNZ AND SEVERAL NEW ZEALAND FIRMS ARE INTERESTED IN INCREASING AGRO-BUSINESS CONTACTS WITH IRAN AND AGREEMENT WILL FACILITATE THESE EFFORTS. HENSELY ALLOWED FOR POSSIBILITY THAT SOME FIRMS WHICH HAVE BEEN TALKING BUSINESS WITH IRANIANS MIGHT SIGN CONCTRACTS DURING VISIT. GNZ WILL BE INTERESTED IN SHAH'S VIEWS ON OIL BUT HAS NO PARTICULAR DESIRE BECOME INVOLVED IN ANY GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONSHIP IN THIS AREA PREFERRING TO LEAVE OIL IN HANDS OF PRIVATE COMPANIES.

4. VISIT MAY ALSO RESULT IN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT GNZ WILL BE OPENING EMBASSY IN TEHRAN. IF SO, EMBASSY WOULD BE OPENED NEXT YEAR. EMBASSY WOULD BE MAJOR STEP IN EXPANDING GNZ REPRESENTATION IN MIDDLE EAST. IT IS PROBABLE THAT NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR IN TEHRAN WILL, IN DUE TIME, ALSO BE ACCREDITED TO ONE OR MORE ARAB CAPITALS. AT PRESENT GNZ MIDDLE EAST REPRESENTATION LIMITED TO CAIRO WHICH IS COVERED BY NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR IN ROME.

5. ALTHOUGH NOT MENTIONED BY HENSLEY, EMBASSY WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TO SEE SOME SORT OF STATEMENT OF MUTUAL SUPPORT FOR MIDDLE EAST AND PACIFIC NUCLEAR FREE ZONES COME OUT OF VISIT.
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